Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Activity professionals have significantly contributed to improving the lives of many citizens in long-term care facilities; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Health Care Association, in conjunction with the American Health Care Association, recognize they work with health care professionals, care providers, and regulatory agencies to enhance the lives of those served by long-term care facilities; and,

Whereas, Activity professionals assist with programs related to mental and physical stimulation, community involvement, service involvement, and a variety of activities related to maintaining normal life pursuits for the elders and handicapped of our communities:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of January 22 -- 28, 2012, as

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in South Dakota, and I urge citizens to recognize these individuals and to increase public awareness of their vital role in improving the quality of life for South Dakotans.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State